

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claim 1 are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's claims as amended are now patentably distinct from the prior art for the reasons set forth below. Therefore, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Kawashima et al., stating that Kawashima et al. discloses protective goggles comprising a frame body compositely formed with a rigid frame member 3 and a resilient frame member 2, at least one replaceable lens 1 having an outer circumferential area, and wherein the outer area abuts against the resilient frame member and engages with the rigid frame member so as to be fixed together and the lens is detachable with and from a front face side of the frame body in which the rigid and resilient frame members are combined.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Kawashima et al. and firstly directs the Examiner's attention to col. 4, lines 2-18 wherein it states:

"To assemble the frame member 3 with lens member 1, first locking lug 10 of the lens member 1 which has already been assembled with the pad member 2 may be brought into engagement with the hole 34 of the frame member 3 followed by snap-locking the second locking lugs 37 with the respective (recesses) 18."

Still further, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to col. 3, lines 29-57 wherein it describes how the lens member 1 and the pad member 2 are engaged with each other. Particularly, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to lines 50-57 wherein it states:

"Engagement of the third groove 21 with the entire periphery of the flange 13, insertion of the first wall section 22 into the second groove 16 and engagement of the first projection 26 with the first groove 19 reliably prevent the pad member 2 from moving not only back or forth but also radially outward relatively to the lens member 1. In this manner, the pad member 2 cannot easily fall off from the lens member 1."

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that in Kawashima et al. is taught that the members 1 and 2 are securely fastened together first in the manner that the member 1 stands in front of the member 2 and then the member 1 (i.e., the combination of members 1 and 2) is engaged with the member 3 in the manner that the member 1 stands behind

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the member 3 by engaging the second lug 37 with recess 18 and then engaging the first lug 10 with the hole 34. As a result, the lens member 1 stands between the members 3 and 2 and in order to remove the lens member 1 from the members 2 and 3, the lens member 1 (i.e., the combination of members 1 and 2) must be removed from the member 3 in the backward direction first and then the lens member 1 alone from the member 2 in the forward direction. In other words, the lens member 1 cannot be on the front side of the frame member (a combination of the members 2 and 3) and the lens member 1 alone cannot be removed from the front side of the frame member (a combination of the members 2 and 3) as is claimed by Applicant's claims.

In particular, in Applicant's invention as claimed, the lens member is attached on the front side of the frame member in a backward direction in which the rigid and resilient frame members have already been combined together. As a result, the lens member alone can be removable from the front side of the frame member in the forward direction. This is clearly not disclosed by Kawashima et al.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-40 are not anticipated by Kawashima et al.

Applicant further respectfully and retroactively requests a one-month extension of time so as to respond to the Office Action. Please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1445 in the sum of \$60 as the fee.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered, favorably considered, and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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